

package and returned to the ballot-box as hereinafter directed. No vote shall be counted for any candidate opposite whose name no cross-mark shall be placed, and no ballot shall be rejected solely because any part or portion of the cross-mark is within the square or because the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, but such ballots shall not be counted for any candidate in the group of names so marked. They shall open the ballots, and all of them shall be canvassed separately by one of the judges sitting between two other judges, which judge shall call out each name and the office for which it is designated and the other judges looking at the ballot at the same time, and the clerks making tally of the same. When all the ballots have been canvassed in this manner, the election clerks shall compare their tallies together and ascertain the total number of votes received by each candidate, and when they agree upon the numbers, one of them shall announce in a loud voice to the judges the aggregate number of votes received by each candidate. If requested by any watcher or challenger present at any canvass it shall be the duty of the judges, and each of them, to exhibit to such watcher or challenger any ballot cast, fully opened or in such condition and manner that he may fully read and examine the same, but the judges shall not allow any ballot to be taken from their hands. As the ballots are counted they shall be strung upon a strong twine.

74. When the canvass of the ballots shall have been completed, and the clerks shall have announced to the judges the total number of votes received by each candidate, each of the judges of election, in turn, shall then proclaim in a loud voice the total number of votes received by each person voted for in such precinct and the office for which he is designated, and the number of votes for and the number of votes against any proposition which shall have been submitted to the vote of the people; such proclamation shall be prima facie evidence of the result of the canvass of such ballots. In the City of Baltimore the judges shall, immediately after such proclamation, deliver to a policeman on duty at the polling place a statement subscribed with their names, which shall be sealed up and forthwith conveyed by the said policeman to the office of the Police Commissioner, whose duty it shall be to file and preserve the same. Such statements shall contain the total number of votes in the ballot-box and the number of votes found therein for each and every candidate, and any person applying may inspect the same.

75. The judges shall make duplicate statements or returns of the result of the canvass, each of which shall, if possible, be made upon a single sheet of paper and shall contain a caption